

Minutemen
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Probe Asked On Plans of 'Minutemen'

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The House Committee on Un-American Activities was asked yesterday by a member of Congress to investigate the organization known as the Minutemen.

Rep. Charles S. Joelson (D-N.J.) said the Minutemen is a secret, armed organization that favors "forcing governmental policies by violent means."

"In my opinion, nothing can be more un-American" than that, Joelson said in a letter to Rep. Edwin E. Willis, (D-La.), chairman of the Committee.

Joelson said that, following the election of President Johnson, the head of the Minutemen, Robert Bollivar de Pugh, called on all conservatives "to join the Minutemen's secret underground army for training as America's last line of defense against communism."

[Replying last night, DePugh said that his para-military group advocates armed resistance only if it is "apparent to all the people that Communists or Fascists have overtaken the Government and all the people themselves are willing to support an armed revolution," United Press International reported.]